



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3544
Pope John Paul II Congressional Gold Medal Act**

As cleared by the Congress on July 13, 2000

H.R. 3544 would authorize the President to present a gold medal to Pope John Paul II, spiritual leader of the Catholic Church, on behalf of the Congress. To help recover the costs of the gold medal, which would be financed from the U.S. Mint Public Enterprise Fund, H.R. 3544 would authorize the Mint to strike and sell bronze duplicates of the medal at a price that covers production costs for both the medal and the duplicates.

Based on the costs of recent medals produced by the Mint, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3544 would not significantly affect direct spending. CBO estimates that the gold medal would cost about \$35,000 to produce over fiscal years 2000 and 2001, including around \$5,000 for the cost of the gold and around \$30,000 for the costs to design, engrave, and manufacture the medal. CBO expects that the Mint would recoup at least some of its costs by selling bronze duplicates to the public.

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